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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006.

**35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections**

Claims 8-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard in view of US 5,414,297 (Morita, et al.). Claims 8-12 is canceled.

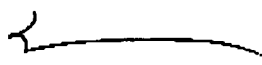
Accordingly, it is respectfully asserted by Applicant that all currently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are additional fees due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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